

MONTANA PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION
CONTRACTS PROCESS COMMITTEE MEETING

Park Plaza Hotel, Helena, Montana

Draft Minutes
January 9, 2009

Call to Order

The meeting of the Contracts Process Committee was called to order by Committee Chair Mike Sherwood at 8:40 a.m.

Commissioners Present

Steve Nardi, Mike Sherwood, Bill Snell, and Fritz Gillespie

Other Interested Parties

Randi Hood, Chief Public Defender; Harry Freebourn, Administrative Director; and Scott Crichton, American Civil Liberties Union of Montana (ACLU)

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the October 10, 2008 meeting were approved as submitted.

Rejected Invoices and Pre-Approvals

Chief Hood reported that Greg Jackson was paid in conformity with the Commission's guidance. In response to the issues raised by Mr. Jackson's claim, Commissioner Sherwood is working on proposed language for contractors regarding what types of ancillary proceedings OPD will pay for. He and Chief Hood agreed that OPD attorneys shouldn't participate in ancillary proceedings unless they have a global impact on the criminal proceeding. Commissioner Sherwood will share his draft with Contract Manager Larry Murphy when it is completed.

OPD is involved in the dispute resolution process regarding a contested claim for payment for the first time. There were no other invoices to discuss.

Public Comment

No public comment was offered.

Old Business/New Business

There was no additional business to discuss.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 a.m.